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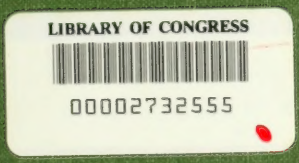

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NORTHERN INDIANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY,

SOUTH BEND, INDIANA.

To the Senators and Representatives
from Indiana:

The NORTHERN INDIANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY, at a special meeting of its Executive Committee held this day, unanimously adopted the following memorial:

The members of the NORTHERN INDIANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY hereby strongly indorse the movement for the preservation of the U. S. Frigate "CONSTITUTION," now lying at the Navy Yard at Charlestown, Massachusetts,—a war vessel around which cluster many memories of the early days of the Republic,—the vessel which, by its destruction of the British war ship "Guerriere," gave to the war of 1812 its first victory, and encouraged the Nation to renewed and ultimately successful efforts, after the early and discouraging events of the war.

The Society urges that the Members of Congress from Indiana favor the appropriation added by the Senate to the Naval Appropriation Bill for the repair or rebuilding of the famous Frigate, that it may be an object lesson, showing what in 1812 was considered a well equipped vessel of war, thus illustrating the marvelous progress which steam and steel have wrought in naval architecture in a single century. The Frigate "CONSTITUTION," so long as she is afloat, will serve to recall a naval victory which, small in itself when won, was the foundation of the maritime power of the Nation.

AND, Said Society earnestly requests and urgently petitions the Members of Congress from Indiana to use every honorable effort and influence within their control to secure so liberal an appropriation as may be necessary to fittingly restore and permanently preserve the Frigate "CONSTITUTION" for the purpose above set forth, and as an inspiration of patriotism to the youth of our Country.

TIMOTHY E. HOWARD, *President.*
GEORGE A. BAKER, *Secretary.*

South Bend, Indiana, March 15, 1906.

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